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1. AT EARLY MORNING MEETING WITH HEAD OF FRG DELEGATION (KUPPER),  
HUFFCUTT WAS INFORMED THAT AT OCTOBER 15 PRELIMINARY  
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MEETING OF HEADS OF FRG AND GDR DELEGATIONS TO DISCUSS

FRG-GDR MEETING TO TAKE PLACE OCTOBER 17, HEAD OF GDR DELEGATION HAD STATED THAT TRANSMITTING FACILITIES LOCATED IN WSB SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED. THIS EFFORT TO SEPARATE WSB MATTERS FROM FRG MATTERS, AND MANIFESTATIONS OF FRG CONCERN AT BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH GDR DELEGATION ON WSB MATTERS, PROMPTED US REPS AT OCTOBER 16 MEETING WITH GDR REPS TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS AT START OF MEETING: US-FRG MEETING WAS FOLLOWUP TO AUGUST 19 ANDERSON-SIEBER MEETING IN WASHINGTON AND USG REQUEST BY NON-PAPER THAT GDR CLARIFY SITUATION BY PROVIDING AN EXPLANATION OF ITS INTENTIONS AND TO OCTOBER 6 GDR REPLY SUGGESTING MEETING OF EXPERTS TO CLARIFY QUESTIONS RAISED; US REPS WERE ATTENDING PRIMARILY TO LISTEN; AS GDR REPS AWARE, FRG REPRESENTS WEST BERLIN AT THIS CONFERENCE AND THE BROADCASTING FACILITIES LOCATED THERE; ALTHOUGH US HAD AGREED ON OCTOBER 13 TO THIS MEETING, US REPS HAD SUBSEQUENTLY BECOME AWARE OF STATEMENTS MADE OCTOBER 15 BY GDR DELEGATION HEAD TO FRG DELEGATION HEAD, WHICH COULD HAVE EFFECT ON POSSIBILITY OF ANY FUTURE SIMILAR US-GDR MEETINGS.

2. GDR MISSION COUNSELLOR (MICHEEL), AS SPOKESMAN FOR GDR SIDE, STATED CONFERENCE COULD SUCCEED ONLY IF ALL COUNTRIES COOPERATE IN REDUCING FREQUENCY REQUIREMENTS. TO THIS END, GDR HAS REDUCED ITS LF/MF REQUIREMENTS FROM 25 TO 18 STATIONS, A REDUCTION OF MORE THAN 25 PERCENT; GDR THUS REQUIRED OPTIMUM COVERAGE ON 18 NOTIFIED FREQUENCIES. RE 990 KHZ, THREE STATIONS NOTIFICATION MADE WITH VIEW TO IMPROVING SOUND BROADCAST COVERAGE IN GDR. FIRST SESSION HAD IMPOSED NO LIMITATION ON NOTIFICATIONS; AT SECOND SESSION, OTHER STATES HAD REQUESTED MORE STATIONS, INCLUDING ON 990 KHZ. IN CHOOSING LOCATIONS OF THREE TRANSMITTERS AND THEIR POWER, GDR REP SAID THEY ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF ARTICLE 4234 OF RADIO REGULATIONS -- ANY COUNTRY SHOULD USE ONLY POWER NECESSARY TO COVER ITS OWN TERRITORY -- AND WAS PLANNING SYNCHRONIZED NETWORK IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID HARMFUL INTERFERENCE WITH COVERAGE AT 990 KHZ IN BERLIN WEST.

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3. ON FREQUENCY 94.15 MHZ, GDR REITERATED STATEMENT CONTAINED IN REPLY TO USG NON-PAPER, THAT GDR HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EVENTUAL USE OF THIS FREQUENCY AT 1961 STOCKHOLM VHF/UHF BROADCASTING CONFERENCE. GDR HAS INITIATED COORDINATION FOR USE THIS FREQUENCY WITH 10 KW POWER IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN STOCKHOLM AGREEMENT, BUT SO FAR

HAS RECEIVED NO REPLY FROM FRG. GDR REP POINTED OUT THAT USE OF 94.15 MHZ IN GDR WITH 10 KW WOULD NOT CAUSE INTERFERENCE TO RECEPTION ON 94.3 KHZ IN BERLIN WEST NOTING THAT STATION USING 94.3 MHZ HAS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER POWER. GDR REP ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE TEN TRANSMITTERS OPERATING IN BERLIN WEST BETWEEN 87.5 AND 100 MHZ, MANY OF WHICH CAUSE DETERIORATION IN GDR VHF COVERAGE.

4. DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION AFTER GDR PRESENTATION, MICHEEL SAID HE CONSIDERED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS USEFUL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT GDR INSTRUCTIONS ALSO PROVIDED THAT POLITICAL QUESTIONS WERE NOT TO BE DISCUSSED. HE SAID GDR SIDE WAS PREPARED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION AS OF NEXT WEEK OR AFTER THERE HAVE BEEN FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AT CONFERENCE, AND FINALLY SUGGESTED SETTING A DATE EARLY IN NOVEMBER. US REPS STATED THAT WHILE THIS MIGHT BE USEFUL IN FUTURE, WE COULD NOT AGREE TO ANY FURTHER MEETING AT THIS TIME. HUFFCUTT STATED THAT US HAD NO INSTRUCTION CONCERNING ANY REDUCTIONS OF STATIONS IN WSB, AND THAT, TECHNICALLY, FREQUENCY ADJUSTMENT SEEMED ONLY POSSIBLE RESOLUTION TO 990 KHZ PROBLEM.

MICHEEL STATED THAT HIS SIDE SHARED THIS VIEW; OTHER GDR REP LATER ASKED WHETHER IT WAS US VIEW THAT GDR AND WSB STATIONS COULD SHARE USE OF 990 KHZ, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT GDR PLANS TO USE THIS FREQUENCY AT LOW POWER AND WILL NOT CAUSE INTERFERENCE IN WSB. HUFFCUTT REPLIED SIMPLY THAT REQUIREMENTS AS NOTIFIED REVEALED INCOMPATIBILITY BETWEEN SHARED USE OF 990 KHZ IN RESPECTIVE COVERAGE AREAS.  
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US REP ASKED IF GDR STATIONS WERE ON THE AIR OR IN PLANNING STAGE, AND IF GDR HAD FLEXIBILITY TO CHANGE FREQUENCY. GDR REP REPLIED THAT STATIONS WERE IN PLANNING STAGE, BUT AVOIDED REPLY ON FLEXIBILITY BY STATING THAT THIS DEPENDED UPON DEVELOPMENTS AT CONFERENCE.

5. IN VIEW OF FRG CONCERN AT THIS BILATERAL CONTACT, 7 430 .35 285# \*4& 430 8..3\$8-53)6 -\*534 US-GDR MEETING, AND SUMMARIZED POINTS MADE BY BOTH SIDES, EMPHASIZING THAT US SIDE HAD MADE CLEAR THAT FRG REPRESENTED WSB, US-GDR MEETING WAS LIMITED TO FOLLOWUP TO DIALOGUE COMMENCED AUGUST 19 AND TO TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, AND THAT NO COMMITMENT WAS MADE FOR

ANY FURTHER US-GDR MEETING IN CONTEXT OF PENDING  
CONFERENCE. US REPS ALSO INFORMED FRG REP OF GDR  
COMMENTS IN REGARD COORDINATION OF 94.15 MHZ. ABRAMS

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